

CITY OF RIVERSIDE

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Minutes of: Regular Meeting of the Board of Public Utilities  
Date of Meeting: October 17, 2008  
Time of Meeting: 8:30 a.m.  
Place of Meeting: Public Utilities Boardroom  
3901 Orange Street (at Ninth & Orange Streets)  
Riverside, California

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG WAS GIVEN**

**Roll Call**

Present:	Dave Barnhart (Chair)	Bob Stockton (Vice-Chair)
	Mary Curtin	Ken Sutter
	Bernie Titus	Robert Elliott
	Ian Davidson	Manny Sanchez
	Joe Tavaglione	

Absent: None.

**PRESENTATION**

A. REBATE CHECK PRESENTATION FOR WATER CONSERVATION FROM WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT TO RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES

Charlie Field, Board Member of Western Municipal Water District (WMWD) Board presented a rebate check for \$23,870 to Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) on behalf of WMWD and Metropolitan Water District for RPU's highly successful water conservation efforts of rebates for high efficiency clothes washers.

**MINUTES**

1. The approval of the regular meeting minutes from the Board of Public Utilities meeting held on October 3, 2008 were approved as submitted.

Motion – Titus. Second – Elliott.

Ayes: Barnhart, Stockton, Curtin, Sutter, Titus, Elliott, Davidson, and Sanchez.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Tavaglione (arrived late to the meeting)

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

No comments.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

2. "SPECIAL" ELECTRIC COMMITTEE REPORT  
The Board of Public Utilities accepted and filed the October 3, 2008 "Special" Electric Committee Minutes.
3. PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT - The Property Committee meeting scheduled on October 3, 2008 was cancelled.
4. ELECTRIC COMMITTEE REPORT - The Electric Committee meeting scheduled on October 8, 2008 was cancelled.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR** – (Items 5 and 6)

A motion was made to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

Motion – Curtin. Second – Elliott.

Ayes: Barnhart, Stockton, Curtin, Sutter, Titus, Elliott, Davidson, and Sanchez.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Tavaglione (arrived late to the meeting)

### **Electric Items**

### **Water Items**

5. PAYMENT OF WATER FEES FOR PARCEL MAP 35104

The Board of Public Utilities approved the request to defer payment of water fees until such time as a building permit, or at time of request for water service, and approve the Covenant & Agreement executed by Limo's by Tiffany that will record concurrently with Final Parcel Map 35104.

### **Other Items**

6. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A PROGRAM TO PROTECT CUSTOMER IDENTIFICATION AND CREDIT INFORMATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FAIR AND ACCURATE CREDIT TRANSACTIONS ACT OF 2003

The Board of Public Utilities approved an identity theft prevention program as required by the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions (FACT) Act of 2003.

***Board Member Joe Tavaglione arrived at the meeting at this time.***

## **DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

7. CONSTRUCTION OF THE COLUMBIA AVENUE GRADE SEPARATION 12-INCH WATER MAIN RELOCATION PROJECT (IN COLUMBIA AVENUE BETWEEN CHICAGO AVENUE AND THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE RAILROAD AT-GRADE CROSSING)

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities approved the capital expenditure in the amount of \$792,000 for Work Order No. 0811844, which includes all design, construction, change order contingencies, system connections, service tie-overs, construction management, inspection and geotechnical testing for the Columbia Avenue Grade Separation 12-inch Water Main Relocation Project (in Columbia Avenue between Chicago Avenue and the BNSF railroad at-grade crossing).

Motion – Davidson. Second – Titus.

Ayes: Barnhart, Stockton, Curtin, Sutter, Titus, Elliott, Davidson, Sanchez, and Tavaglione.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

8. INSTALLATION AND RELOCATION OF ELECTRICAL FACILITIES, AND STREET LIGHT INSTALLATION, FOR THE COLUMBIA AVENUE RAILROAD OVERPASS - WORK ORDER NOS. 050006-28, 090021-02, AND 080021-01

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities:

1. Approved the estimated capital expenditure of \$2,905,000 to install approximately 10,500 feet of 3 Phase 12 kV feeder cable, 60,000 feet of conduit, and relocate 1,500 feet of overhead transmission that are in conflict with the proposed grade separation along Columbia Avenue from East La Cadena Drive to Iowa Avenue; and
2. Approved the estimated capital expenditure of \$420,000 for the installation of 63 street lights along Columbia Avenue from East La Cadena Drive to Iowa Avenue.

Motion – Elliott. Second – Sutter.

Ayes: Barnhart, Stockton, Curtin, Sutter, Titus, Elliott, Davidson, Sanchez, and Tavaglione.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

***Board Members were very concerned that Items 7 and 8 had not come to the Board of Public Utilities for approval before approval of the City Council and requested staff to be sure this was an exception and not a normal procedure.***



9. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE SIXTEEN 69 KV CIRCUIT BREAKERS FOR THE RIVERSIDE ENERGY RESOURCE CENTER UNITS 3 AND 4

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities approved the procurement of sixteen 69 kV circuit breakers from Areva T & D, Inc., in the amount of \$667,457 plus sales taxes.

Motion – Tavaglione. Second – Elliott.

Ayes: Barnhart, Stockton, Curtin, Sutter, Titus, Elliott, Davidson, Sanchez, and Tavaglione.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

10. CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL FOR A ONE-MEGAWATT PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM AT THE TEQUESQUITE LANDFILL

The Board encouraged staff to get public comments from the community adjacent to the landfill.

The Board also requested a second recommendation be added to the original recommendation: ***“Requested that staff have the consultant, SES Group, do additional studies to determine feasibility of development of entire landfill for photovoltaic power installations”.***

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities:

1. Recommended that the City Council approve the conceptual one-megawatt photovoltaic power project at the Tequesquite Landfill and direct staff to move forward with the preliminary development work; and
2. **Requested that staff have the consultant, SES Group, do additional studies to determine feasibility of development of entire landfill for photovoltaic power installations.**

Motion – Sutter. Second – Davidson.

Ayes: Barnhart, Stockton, Curtin, Sutter, Titus, Elliott, Davidson, Sanchez, and Tavaglione.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

11. ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

***Update on project construction contract for Riverside Energy Resource Center (RERC) Units 3 and 4.***

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

12. Award of Contracts – Update (to be referred to a PU Committee)
13. State and Federal Legislative Update
14. Financial Statements - June 2008
15. Electric / Water Contract Panel Update - October 2008
16. Monthly Benchmark Report Cards - September 2008
17. Open and Closed Work Orders - September 2008
18. Water Highlights - September 2008
19. City Council Agendas - October 7, 2008 and October 14, 2008
20. Upcoming Meetings
21. Systematic Reporting on Conferences/Seminars  
***Board Member Ian Davidson reported that he and Vice-Chairman Bob Stockton attended the Western Municipal Water District Delta Tour.***
22. Electric / Water Utility Acronyms

### **UPCOMING MEETING**

Chairman Dave Barnhart adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Utilities to be held on **Friday, November 7, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.** in the Public Utilities Boardroom located at 3901 Orange Street in Riverside, California.

By: 

David H. Wright, Secretary  
Board of Public Utilities

Approved by: City of Riverside Board of Public Utilities

Dated: November 7, 2008